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January 10, 2019

E-mail and USPS Mail

JoAnn Saxby Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 335 Towson, Maryland 21286

Re: Second Completeness Questions for CON Application to Expand a Home Health Agency in Upper Eastern Shore
Matter # 18-R1-2425

Dear Ms. Saxby,

Commission staff has reviewed the above referenced application for Certificate of Need ("CON") approval to expand a home health agency into jurisdictions of the Upper Eastern Shore Region that Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. ("Bayada Home Health") is not currently authorized. Staff found the application incomplete, and accordingly, requests that you provide responses to the following question:

Part II: Consistency with Review Criteria at COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3)

Viability of the Proposal

1. Please further discuss the probable impact of the project on the cost for services provided by other home health agencies in the area. Not enough detail was provided in the applicant's response to question 18. Please elaborate on why the applicant anticipates that the current project will not have any impact on the cost of services provided by other home health agencies in the area.

Please submit four copies of the responses to the additional information requested in this letter within ten working days of receipt. (Note: extensions are routinely available upon request).

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Also submit the response electronically, in both Word and PDF format, to Ruby Potter (ruby.potter@maryland.gov) and Laura Hare (laura.harel@maryland.gov).

All information supplementing the application must be signed by a person(s) available for cross-examination on the facts set forth in the supplementary information, and who shall sign a statement as follows: "I hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in this application and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief."

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at (410) 764-5596.

Sincerely,

Laura Hare

Health Policy Analyst

cc: Jennifer Joana, Bayada Home Health Care
Kevin McDonald, Chief of Certificate of Need
Scott T. LeRoy, Caroline County Health Officer
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Joseph Ciotola, M.D., Queen Anne's County Health Officer
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